
Transportation and Communications Committee
of the
Southern California Association of Governments
January 3, 2008

Minutes

THE FOLLOWING MINUTES ARE A SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE. AN AUDIO CASSETTE TAPE OF THE ACTUAL MEETING IS AVAILABLE FOR LISTENING IN SCAG'S OFFICE.

The Transportation and Communications Committee held its meeting at the SCAG office in Los Angeles. The meeting was called to order by the Honorable Alan Wapner, Chair. There was a quorum.

Members Present

Aldinger, Jim	Manhattan Beach
Ayala, Luis	SGVCOG
Baldwin, Harry	San Gabriel
Beauman, John	Brea
Becerra, Glen	Simi Valley
Bone, Lou	Tustin
Buckley, Thomas	Lake Elsinore
Burke, Yvonne	Los Angeles County
Carroll, Stan	La Habra Heights
Chastain, Kelly	SANBAG
Chlebnik, John	WRCOG
Dale, Lawrence	Barstow
Dixon, Richard	Lake Forest
Garcia, Lee Ann	Grand Terrace
Glancy, Thomas	VCOG
Green, Cathy	OCCOG
Gross, Carol	Culver City
Gurule, Frank	Cudahy
Hack, Bert	Laguna Woods
Hernandez, Robert	Anaheim
Leon, Paul	SANBAG
Lowe, Robin	Hemet/ RCTC
Lowenthal, Bonnie	Long Beach
McLean, Marsha	North L.A. County
Messina, Barbara	Alhambra
Mills, Leroy	Cypress
O'Connor, Pam	Santa Monica
Pettis, Gregory	Cathedral City
Rutherford, Mark	Las Virgenes/Malibu COG
Smith, Greig	Los Angeles
Spence, David	Arroyo Verdugo COG

Members Present (continued)

Sykes, Tom

Ten, Mike – **Vice Chair**

Wapner, Alan - **Chair**

Walnut

South Pasadena

Ontario

Members Not Present

Adams, Steve

Brown, Art

Daniels, Gene

Diels, Steve

Dunlap, Judy

Edgar, Troy

Flickinger, Bonnie

Gabelich, Rae

Glaab, Paul

Hahn, Janice

Martinez, Sharon

Masiel, Andrew

Millhouse, Keith

Nuaimi, Mark

Ovitt, Gary

Quirk, Sharon

Roberts, Ron

Parks, Bernard

Stone, Jeffrey

Wilson, Michael

Riverside, WRCOG

Buena Park

Paramount

Redondo Beach

Inglewood

Los Alamitos

Moreno Valley

Long Beach

City of Laguna Niguel

City of Los Angeles

SGVCOG

Pechanga Band of Luiseno Mission Indians

Moorpark

SANBAG

San Bernardino County

Fullerton

Temecula

Los Angeles

Riverside County

CVAG

Voting Members, Non Elected Officials

McCarthy, James

Caltrans

1.0 CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLIGANCE

The Hon. Alan Wapner, Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m.

2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

There were no public comments.

3.0 REVIEW and PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEMS

4.0 CONSENT CALENDAR

It was noted that a correction be made to the TCC Attendance Report to reflect that the Hon. Robin Lowe represents Riverside not San Bernardino and that the Hon. Robin Lowe did attend the December 6th meeting even though her signature was not reflected on the Dec. 6th TCC sign in sheet. Also noted was that the next meeting of the TCC is February 7th, not February 1st as reflected on the January 3rd agenda.

A MOTION (Hon. Lou Bone) was made to APPROVE the Consent Calendar. The MOTION was SECONDED (Hon. John Beaman) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

5.0 ACTION ITEMS

5.1 2008 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Public Hearing Procedures

Pablo Gutierrez, SCAG, gave the committee a briefing on the RTP's Public Hearing Procedures. He stated that the 2008 Draft Regional Transportation Plan was released for public review on December 6, 2007. Based on the SCAG Public Participation Plan, SCAG is required to hold three public hearings and develop procedures for the public hearings. The hearings have been scheduled for the following dates, times and locations:

Tuesday, January 22, 2008 - 10:00 am - 12:00 pm
SCAG Riverside Office, 3600 Lime Street, Suite 216, Riverside

Wednesday, January 23, 2008 - 10:00 am - 12:00 pm
SCAG Los Angeles Office, 818 W. 7th St., 12th Floor, Los Angeles

Wednesday, January 30, 2008 - 10:00 am - 12:00 pm
Orange County Transportation Authority, 550 S. Main Street, Orange

The proposed procedures for the Public Hearings were provided to the Committee for review.

A MOTION (Hon. Lou Bone) was made to approve the proposed 2008 RTP Public Hearing Procedure. The MOTION was SECONDED (Hon. John Beauman) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

5.2 Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement (JPA) Creating the Southern California High-Speed Transport Authority

Huasha Liu, SCAG, stated that Staff recommended that the TCC approve SCAG to enter into a JPA with the cities of L.A., Ontario and West Covina to create the Southern California High-Speed Transport Authority ("Authority") for the initial operating segment (IOS). The initial composition of the Authority comprises of elected officials from the cities of L.A., Ontario and West Covina given the current stations proposed for the IOS. SCAG would be a non-voting member.

The purpose of the JPA is to create a joint powers entity which would provide for the development of a regional high speed transport system (RHST) that coordinates with the state-wide rail service to be developed by the State High-Speed Rail Authority. More specifically, the goals of the Authority include completion of the planning process developed by SCAG, along with the implementation, management, administration, construction and operation of the regional high-speed transport system.

SCAG staff supports the creation of the Authority as this serves to support SCAG's efforts over the course of several years.

It is the time for the Authority to carry the IOS plan to the next level, which is to implement the plan including development and administration of the project.

A MOTION was made by (Hon. Richard Dixon) to authorize SCAG's Executive Director to execute the Joint Powers Authority (JPA) in substantial form with an inclusion of a letter from SCAG to include the San Gabriel Valley COG as a non-voting member of the Authority. The MOTION was SECONDED (Hon. Thomas Glancy).

After discussion there was a call for the question (Hon. Robin Lowe). The motion was SECONDED (Hon. John Chlebnik) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED to end debate.

Vote on the motion. There were no objections. The recommendation was UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

6.0 AVIATION TASK FORCE REPORT

There was no meeting of the SCRAA because the committee has not been able to meet its quorum.

7.0 MAGLEV TASK FORCE REPORT

There was no report this month because the January meeting was cancelled.

8.0 INFORMATION ITEMS

8.1 Multi-County Goods Movement Action Plan (MCGMAP)

Mr. Sam Morissey, Wilbur Smith Associates, presented the results of the Multi-County Goods Movement Action Plan. Mr. Morissey stated that in May 2004, Metro took the lead in developing the Multi-County Goods Movement Action Plan that would address goods movement challenges and identify solutions. To that end, Metro, Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA), Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC), San Bernardino Associated Governments (SANBAG), San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG), Ventura County Transportation Commission (VCTC), Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) and Caltrans, all agreed to procure the consultant services of Wilbur Smith Associates to assist in this effort.

To guide the development of this Action Plan, Metro and its project partners established a Multi-County Goods Movement Action Plan Technical Advisory Committee (MCGMAP TAC). To foster an open planning process with public and private stakeholder participation throughout the development of the Action Plan, the MCGMAP TAC (1) convened Stakeholders Advisory Group (SAG) meetings, public workshops and meetings to solicit input from a broad cross section of stakeholders, (2) conducted surveys to obtain different perspectives on the goods movement issues, problems and potential solutions, and (3) maintained a project website to keep everyone informed. The result of this effort is an Action Plan that contains a full range of strategies and options (short, mid and long-term)

that can be implemented for the region, as a whole, as well as the individual counties.

A question was raised if the project would deal with grade separations that do not have to do with traffic, i.e. the Colton crossing? It was pointed out that the Colton Crossing was included in the Action Plan as one of the regional projects in the \$50 billion dollar total. The financial analysis of the plan looks into funding sources for the Colton crossing. The \$50 billion recognizes the need to balance the fair share contribution consistent with its impacts.

A schedule of the county workshops to be held throughout the region is posted on the website at www.metro.net/mcgmap. The next meeting will be held in San Bernardino on January 9th. There will also be another Los Angeles County meeting that has not been scheduled yet.

8.2 Update on the Draft 2008 RTP

Naresh Amatya, SCAG staff, reported that as a follow-up to the Dec. 6 TCC action to release the Draft 2008 RTP for public review and comments, letters were mailed out to the sponsors of four projects, namely, Orangeline, CETAP, High Desert Corridor and 710 Tunnel to provide relevant letters, documents etc supporting the projects to SCAG by January 11. He also reported that the Draft 2008 RTP and the supporting technical documents are now available to the public for download on SCAG's website. Hard copies of the Draft RTP were mailed out to the stakeholders, relevant state and federal agencies as required by law. Additionally, CDs containing all of the reports will be made available to the public and interested parties. In addition staff met with the representatives of FHWA/FTA informally. Primary concerns raised by the federal representatives related to fiscal constraint issues and the growth assumptions used in the RTP. Again, the concerns they raised relate to adequate documentation to support financial commitment for the user fee backed mega projects and documentation to support the stakeholder buy-in on the land use assumptions used in the plan. Three public hearings are planned during the comment period in Riverside, Los Angeles and Orange County on January 22, January 23 and January 30 respectively. The comment period closes at 5:00 pm, Monday, February 18, 2008. To date SCAG has not received any comments. When the comments do come in Staff will report to the TCC the nature of the comments.

8.3 2008 Regional Champion Awards

Chair Wapner stated it was time for the Committee to start thinking about nominations for SCAG's annual Regional Champion Awards. The awards acknowledge individuals who perform exemplary service in the Region. Each policy committee may nominate a person who is worthy of such recognition. Candidates should not be elected officials or public servants performing their regular jobs. Rather, candidates should be members of the regional community who go "above and beyond the usual" to serve our Region. The Regional Champions will be celebrated at the 2008 General Assembly.

Last year the TCC was the only committee that did not submit an award nominee. Chair Wapner stated that what he would like to do this year is have a volunteer committee that would review recommended nominations and bring the nominations forward to the TCC to be voted upon prior to the General Assembly. If any member of the TCC is interested in serving on the sub-committee get in touch with Chair Wapner.

9.0 CHAIR'S REPORT

Hon. Alan Wapner announced he would call a special meeting of the TCC in mid to late March to discuss the RTP public comments.

10.0 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Per President Ovitt's request, discussion of the need for each TCC task force and sub-committee will be put on next month's agenda.

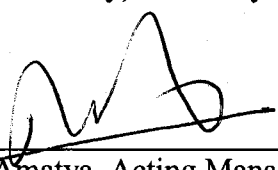
11.0 ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

12.0 ADJOURNMENT

The Hon. Alan Wapner adjourned the meeting at 11:06 a.m.

The next committee meeting will be held on **Thursday, February 7, 2008, at the SCAG office in downtown Los Angeles.**



Naresh Amatya, Acting Manager
Transportation Planning Division

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Leon, Paul	SANBAG					X													
Lowe, Robin*	Hemet/RCTC				X			X											
Lowenthal, Bonnie	Long Beach		X					X											
Martinez, Sharon	Monterey Park		X																
Masiel, Andrew*	Pechanga Band of Luiseno Mission Indians				X														
McLean, Marsha	Santa Clarita		X					X											
Messina, Barbara*	Alhambra		X					X											
Millhouse, Keith*	Moorpark						X												
Mills, Leroy	Cypress			X				X											
Nuaimi, Mark	SANBAG					X													
O'Connor, Pam*	Santa Monica		X					X											
Ovitt, Gary*	San Bernardino County					X													
Parks, Bernard*	Los Angeles		X																
Pettis, Gregory*	Cathedral City				X			X											
Quirk, Sharon	Fullerton		X																
Roberts, Ron*	Temecula				X														
Rutherford, Mark*	Westlake Village		X					X											
Smith, Greig*	Los Angeles		X					X											
Spence, David	La Canada Flintridge		X					X											
Stone, Jeffrey*	County of Riverside				X														
Sykes, Tom*	Walnut		X					X											
Ten, Mike - Vice Chair	South Pasadena		X					X											
Wapner, Alan* - Chair	Ontario					X		X											
Wilson, Michael	CVAG				X														
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* Regional Council Member